

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 893
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Louis J. Gallo on his receipt of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Gallo is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallo has recently been selected by the Milken Family Foundation as a recipient of the Foundation's National Educator Award, an honor most befitting his tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, based on guidelines established by the Milken Family Foundation, the Department of Education in each of the forty-three participating states appoints an independent blue ribbon committee to recommend candidates for selection to the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in order to be considered for the Milken Award, an educator must exhibit exceptional educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school, and profession; outstanding accomplishment and strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the National Educator Award includes public recognition, an unrestricted \$25,000 financial award, and the opportunity to attend the Milken National Education Conference in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gallo received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the College of New Jersey and his Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, Mr. Gallo has taught for the Knox County Schools at West High School, where he is the Department Chair, instructor of Ancient History, World History Honors, and Advanced Placement European History; and

WHEREAS, one of the most popular teachers at West High School, while also being the school's most demanding instructor, Louis Gallo holds certification in history, government, sociology, psychology, economics, geography, and speech for grades seven through twelve; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as the sponsor of the Youth in Government Program, which includes the Youth Legislature and Model United Nations, and previously served as the Head Freshman Football Coach from 1995-1998; and

WHEREAS, for his dedication to the education of Knox County's youth, Mr. Gallo was selected as the West High School Teacher of the Year for school years 1995-1996 and 2000-2001 and Phi Delta Kappa Knox County High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gallo continues to refine and enhance his teaching skills in a number of professional organizations and committees, including Leadership Team, Knox County Social Studies; West High School Faculty Advisory Committee; the Professional Educators of Tennessee; and Foothills Council of the Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Gallo is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallo truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, Louis Gallo epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Louis J. Gallo on being chosen as a
recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, commend his exceptional
service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence,
and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.